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SUBJECT:AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN ROC SYSTEM OF UNOFFICIAL
RELATIONS

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR DENNIS ARGALL
CALLED ON EA/ROC LEVIN TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE ROC'S SYSTEM
OF UNOFFICIAL DEALINGS WITH NATIONS NO LONGER MAINTAIN-
ING DIPLOMATIC TIES. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, ARGALL
MADE CLEAR THAT FOLLOWING REVIEW OF CHINA POLICY, NEW
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED NOT TO MODIFY ITS
PREDECESSOR'S RATHER FIRM STAND AGAINST ALMOST ANY FORM
OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ROC. HE SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF AN "UNOFFICIAL" AUSTRALIAN PRESENCE
IN TAIPEI ALONG JAPANESE OR ANY VARIANT LINES. ARGALL
DID SPECULATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAUCRACY
WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE CONSERVATIVE COLORATION OF THE
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PRESENT GOVERNMENT TOWARD A MORE RELAXED INTERPRETATION

AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXISTING RESTRICTIVE POLICY TOWARD THE ROC. AS AN ILLUSTRATION, HE DOUBTED THE GOA WOULD NOW GO TO THE LENGTH IT ONCE DID OF DENYING QUANTAS PERMISSION TO LEASE AN AIRCRAFT TO MALAYSIAN AIRLINES BECAUSE THE PLANE WOULD BE USED ON A ROUTING WHICH INCLUDED TAIPEI.

2. ARGALL CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE AND TRAVEL BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND TAIWAN. AUSTRALIANS READILY OBTAINED VISAS FOR TAIWAN EITHER IN TOKYO OR HONG KONG WHILE VISAS FOR ROC CITIZENS WERE HANDLED THROUGH AIRLINE OFFICES IN TAIPEI WHO FORWARDED THE APPLICATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE IN HONG KONG. THE GOA WOULD NOT ACCEPT ROC OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, BUT ON OCCASION ALLOWED ENTRY TO KNOWN ROC TRADE AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS HOLDING PRIVATE PASSPORTS. FROM TIME TO TIME THE PRC PROTESTED VARIOUS ROC ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA, BUT IN A MOST PERFUNCTORY MANNER. THE ONLY SERIOUS PRC PROTEST WAS OVER THE ATTENDANCE OF THE ROC DIRECTOR OF TOURISM AT A PACIFIC TRAVEL ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD IN AUSTRALIA SOMETIME LAST YEAR. INGERSOLL

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